

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

ONCE A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR



United States Senator George S. Nixon of Nevada is a man of varied attainments. He never held an office in his life except one term in the state legislature as a state representative until he was sent to the United States senate. Senator Nixon got his start in life as a telegraph operator. It must have been mighty trying, as he is now the owner of several banks, land and a theater or two, all of which are said to be worth at least 20 millions of dollars.

A story of one of his feats of telegraphy has recently been told. He was on one of the California limiteds a few years ago, when there was a wreck. They were away off from nowhere, so to speak, with the methods of communication cut off. The conductor of the limited said that they had a telegraph instrument aboard, and always carried it, but unfortunately there was no one that could send a message. Senator Nixon heard him, called for the instrument, and proceeded to climb the nearest telegraph pole with all the agility of one fond of the art. He cut in, and in less than five minutes was calling for a certain station down the line, which he had called thousands of times in his youthful days.

Now, everybody does not know, perhaps, that a telegraph operator's manner of sending is equally as distinct as his manner of writing or speaking, and those who have ever known his touch remember it just exactly as they would remember his voice if they had ever heard it. The operator at the station he was calling happened to be the old one, and he had not heard Senator Nixon's touch for 20 years, but recognized it at once.

"Where the Sam Hill did you come from, and where are you?" came over the wire to Nixon.

"On top of a telegraph pole," replied Nixon. "Send us a wrecking train." And you better believe the wrecking train was sent in a hurry. Since then Senator Nixon has been a hero with the people on that train.

IS DOING MUCH FOR PEACE



Never before has the peace movement evoked such unanimous enthusiasm in Great Britain. The most striking fact is the cordial response given by the German official press to the overtures of Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey.

Of all the great European newspapers the Paris Temps alone strikes a discordant note, but its cynical doubts are drowned by the cordial welcome extended to the movement by the other French papers.

Sir Edward Grey himself is optimistic, and he is a man of singularly calm and unemotional character. Peace advocates here, while warmly appreciating his work, wish that he was endowed with more fire and energy to avail himself of the present temper on both sides of the Atlantic, to mark an immediate and decisive advance in the good work. Thoroughly sincere, determined and single-minded, Sir Edward Grey lacks the touch of imagination that might at this moment arouse the people of Europe to a full sense of the folly and barbarism of armaments and war. But his temperament makes him proceed slowly and cautiously within the conventional lines of diplomacy.

TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING



With this spring the city of Memphis, Tenn., inaugurates an experiment which, it is believed, by the foremost authority in the farmers' co-operative demonstration work at Washington will prove the practicability of a plan capable of reducing the cost of living in America by reducing it half that amount.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, the chief of the co-operative demonstration office in the department of agriculture at Washington, in announcing the inauguration of the Memphis experiment, dwells particularly on the efficiency of boys in showing that, by the use of proper modern methods, enormously increased crops can be raised on ground which gave previously but meager returns to the soil and the crude systems in vogue among the men farmers of their respective districts. In brief, the corn-club plan is to be applied to town back yards.

The plan, not altogether novel in its central features, yet truly astounding in the imposing magnitude contemplated, proposes that every family in the United States shall utilize the spare ground attached to its dwelling for the raising of the vegetables used on the home table. It is obviously impossible to shut one's eyes to the fact that there are many thousands, perhaps millions, of families who, living in city localities so densely populated and so completely bricked, have no spare ground available for even a foot of parsley.

MEXICO'S NEW AMBASSADOR



The latest addition to the diplomatic corps at the nation's capital is Manuel de Zamacona e Inclan, who was selected by President Diaz as Mexican ambassador to the United States as a successor of Francisco Leon de la Barra, who has accepted the post of minister of foreign affairs in the new Diaz cabinet. Senor Inclan is at present the financial representative of the government of Mexico in London. He has had considerable experience in diplomacy.

He studied in the United States and Europe when a young man, and in 1878-80 filled the position of attaché to the Mexican legation in Washington while his father, Manuel M. de Zamacona, was minister. From 1880 to 1895 he was secretary to the local board of the Mexican Central railway. From 1895 to 1897 he was paymaster to the military commandery of the federal district and administrator of the stamp tax at Pachuca, capital of the mining state of Hidalgo. From 1897 to 1903 he was postmaster general of Mexico, and on April 10, 1903, he was promoted to be treasurer of the nation. The new ambassador is 51 years old.

THE PRICE OF LAND INCREASING

THE "BACK TO THE LAND" CRY IS EFFECTIVE.

Traveling through the state of Iowa the other day, and Iowa is no exception to the story about to be related, the writer was shown a farm that was offered three years ago for \$250 an acre. That appeared to be a high figure for land upon which the owner depended upon the crops of corn, hogs and cattle that could be raised upon it. But it wasn't. A few weeks since the farm changed hands at \$125 an acre. Over in Illinois, down in Indiana, up in Wisconsin, across the line in Minnesota, the same experience was met with. And then attention is directed to Canada, which has been the Mecca of so many hundred thousand Americans during the past few years. Not only in Eastern Canada has the price of lands increased, but in Western Canada, during the past few weeks, farm lands have increased from three to five dollars an acre, with the prospect of a similar advance during the next three months. The reason for this is very apparent, and in a few words it may be pointed out that the lands are worth a great deal more than the present prices.

The Northwestern Agriculturist of Minneapolis, a paper that was one of the first of the American farm papers to discover the real merits of the lands of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, says: "The reciprocity schedule would encourage American farmers to move to Canada, where the virgin soil will produce greater crops of grain with less labor than can be produced in our own farms in the Northwest. The result will be to enhance land values in Canada." This paper is afraid land values in Canada will be enhanced at the expense of land values in the United States. In face of the fact that land values in the United States are increasing the reasoning scarcely holds. The reason for the advance in value of Canadian lands is partly accounted for from the fact, admitted by this paper, that Canada's virgin soil will produce "greater crops of grain with less labor." But that is not the only reason. During the past twelve months 320,000 people have made Canada their home and these are mostly of the farming class. They want farms, and the demand as well as the wealth of the soil is regulating the price. A study of the increase in the acreage of land put under crop last year, which can be had from any Canadian government representative, will prove the point, that the demand is increasing at a greater ratio than even the most sanguine would have predicted.

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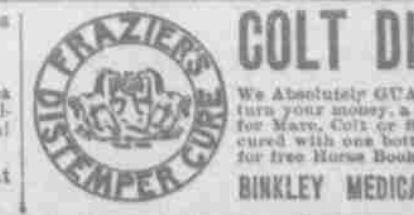
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